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Dear Miss McAlinden:

Sorry to hear that you were not able to collect much of the green in Las Vegas. I gather that there is not too much profit to the gamblers in passing it out freely. The profit motive seems to prevail there with a vengeance.

These specimens were relatively good, therefore easy.

1 - is Cercocarpus betuloides of the Rosaceae, rose family. When the mountain-mahogany is in fruit, as in this specimen, it is quite striking, especially when the sunlight passes through the fruit.

2 - is without cones but surely must be Cryptomeria japonica D. Don of the bald-cypress or redwood family, Taxodiaceae. It is an oriental, Japanese esp., conifer rather commonly cultivated in California. Cryptomeria is also the common name.

3 - is the eastern Virginia creeper, Parthenocissus quinquefolius, of the grape family, Vitaceae. It is much cultivated like its congener Boston-ivy. It does have spectacular autumnal color, esp. in the East. We had some wild vines growing up the trees back of our house in Iowa City.

4 - is again Araujia sericofera of the milkweed family, Asclepiadaceae. It seems to attract much attention, having been sent in to you several times now.

These specimens were a pleasure to work with. Hope we get more like them.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Thorne